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1. A method of assembling a book, comprising the
2 steps of:
- 4 (A) specifying pagination information including an
indication of whether a page is to be selectively
included in the book;
- 6 (B) determining whether the page is to be assembled
into the book based on the pagination information; and
- 8 (C) generating page description language
instructions for production of the book in accordance
10 with the pagination information.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining
2 step comprises the step of analyzing variable information
areas of the page.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the
2 step of analyzing press commands directed to production
of the book to determine whether the page is to be
4 assembled into the book.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the
2 step of generating a pagination file having data
representative of the pagination information.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination
2 information includes an indication of a maximum number of
pages for the book.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination
2 information includes filler page information.

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2 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination
4 information includes a specification of whether the page
should be forced to one of a right side and a left side
of the book.

2 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the
step of specifying page description language instructions
to produce a barcode on the page.

2 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the barcode is
indicative of tracking information.

2 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of
generating page description language instructions
comprises the step of generating instructions for
production of page numbering information on the page.

2 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of
generating page description language instructions
comprises the step of generating instructions for
insertion of filler pages in accordance with the
pagination information.

2 12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the
step of delivering the page description language
instructions to an electronic press to print the book.

2 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of
specifying the pagination information comprises the step
of providing a user interface for entry of the pagination
information.

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